



STATE OF TENNESSEE  
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**COMMISSION**

Room 30  
Legislative Plaza  
Friday, July 13, 2007  
8:30 a.m.

**MINUTES**

Commission Members Present

Cindy Durham, Chair  
Susan Lawless-Glassman, Secretary  
Dennis Clark, Youth Representative  
Natasha Blackshear  
Beverly J. Cosley  
James Ford  
Tim Goldsmith  
Marti Herndon  
Denise Hobbs  
Charles Hutchins  
Dana Lesley  
Carlton Lewis  
Christy Little  
Jerry Maness  
Diane Neighbors  
Dwight Stokes  
Nancy Williams  
Joetta Yarbro  
Jo Ann Yates

Commission Members Absent

Trudy Hughes, Vice Chair  
Sidney Bynum  
Michelle Crowley  
Barbara Holden  
Chey Korvandi-Geledar

Sue Pilson  
Colonel J. A. Robbins

Ex Officio Members Present

Tom Catron, GOCCC  
Viola Miller, DCS  
Jan Bushing, DOE  
Theodora Pinnock, DOH  
Kerry Mullins, DHS  
Louise Barnes, DMHDD

Guests

Pat Dishman, F&A  
Cheryl Hultman, TN CASA  
Cindy Perry, SCCY  
Stacy Youngman, DHS  
Pam Wolfe, Harmony Adoptions  
Brenda Faulkner, Harmony Adoptions  
Sterling VanDerSpuy, DLWD

Staff Present

Linda O'Neal, Exec Dir  
Narendra Amin  
Marietta Backus  
Cyndy Banks  
Pam Brown  
Dana Cobb

Susan Cope  
Kathy Daniels  
Fay Delk  
Emel Eff  
Dominick Grimaldi  
Rodger Jowers  
Richard Kennedy  
Ron King  
Bill Latimer  
Sukti Maldas  
Faye Mangrum  
Rosamond McLeod  
Steve Petty  
Cheryl Sahlin  
Robert Smith  
Debrah Stafford  
April Swoner  
Pat Wade  
Zanira Whitfield  
Elaine Williams  
Daine Wise  
Gwendolyn Wright

I. Welcome, Introductions

Chair Durham called the meeting to order at 8:37 a.m. welcoming Commission members, guests and staff.

II. Roll Call

Mangrum did roll call. A quorum was established.

III. Approval of May Minutes

**IT WAS MOVED (MANESS) AND SECONDED (FORD) TO APPROVE THE MAY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES. UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.**

IV. Departmental/Agency Updates

A. Department of Children's Services – Pam Wolfe, Executive Director, Harmony Adoptions of Tennessee

DCS Commissioner Viola Miller introduced Wolfe as a wonderful DCS partner who is making an incredible difference in the work being done on moving challenging children in full guardianship of the state to permanency.

Wolfe presented information on Harmony Adoptions. Their newest initiative, *Finding Our Children Unconditional Support* (FOCUS) is a collaborative effort between DCS, Harmony Adoptions and Tennessee's Provider Agencies, who work together to secure permanency for the more than 300 children currently seeking a forever family. The Team's *focus* is on each child's best interest.

Their Adoption Support and Protection (ASAP) program is designed to support Tennessee's adoptive families by providing specialized adoption services designed to support permanency. In 2007, the program served 636 children. ASAP is recognized by the Casey Foundation as the number one post-adopt program in the country.

Harmony Adoptions and DCS provide most of the support for The Adoption Tours, which were created to help tell a child's story and create public awareness about the need for adoptive families. The third annual tour, Adoption Tour 2007, will be October 8-12, 2007.

Packets were distributed containing overviews of/information on the FOCUS initiative, Adoption Support and Protection (ASAP) program and The Adoption Tour 2007.

B. Select Committee on Children and Youth – Cindy Perry, Executive Director

SCCY was instrumental in making sure the following bills were filed, worked and successfully brought to passage, but without the diligent advocacy and expertise of O'Neal and Petty on a daily basis and other TCCY staff stepping in, these bills would not have passed. Perry applauded TCCY Commission Members/staff on their work resulting in good legislation being passed for children. Legislation that successfully passed:

- Evidence-Based Practice bill addressing and reframing how funds are spent in delinquency prevention/treatment in order to get desired outcomes.
- Schools Against Violence Education (SAVE) Act requiring a comprehensive planning process starting with a state level safety team. The Department of

Education (DOE) Commissioner in partnership with other key stakeholders will put a template in place that each district and school building site will be required to use to build their safety plan. DOE received funding for a position to help carry out the various duties required by this bill.

- School resource officers to be certified police officers bill setting forth good training requirements.
- Alternative school remands bill requiring transition planning for all children moving to/from alternative schools.
- Special education reform bill dealing with changes in special education due process hearings. A child protection provision was included creating constructive policy discussion depicting fact that children's services are not all separate but all come together in some form or fashion.
- Child abuse reporting bill was cleaned up clarifying DCS is the agency that investigates child abuse reports. Schools are required to report and are able to track/monitor investigations from the standpoint of personnel involvement.

Bills that will continue to be watched/worked on:

- Release of confidential information and sharing information.
- DCS educated children being included in the national reporting for NCLB.
- Impact of drug exposure on newborn infants.

Town Hall Meetings are being conducted to gather information to use in a report outlining children's mental health issues in Tennessee as required by SJR 799, which will be due April 1, 2008. TCCY regional coordinators have been extremely instrumental in distribution of the Mental Health survey and setting up the Town Hall Meetings. Approximately 400 responses have been received and the survey process continues. Information from the meetings/surveys will be brought to policymakers to help shape their decisions. Emerging issues being found include coordination, need for acute care and response and the need to strengthen school environments by training teachers and providing resources.

C. Governor's Office of Children's Care Coordination – Tom Catron, Deputy Commissioner

GOCCC is preparing the semi-annual John B. report due by July 31. This report is an accumulation of efforts by child serving departments around improving screening and outreach for children who are Medicaid eligible.

Good news items:

- T-ACT grant funded by SAMSHA has given flexibility of using the last half funding to support substance abuse efforts/services. The Bureau of Alcohol and Drug Abuse Services has been transferred to the Department of Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities (DMHDD).
- SAMSHA has granted permission to use resources to fund a policy analysis of the state's substance abuse services. GOCCC met with DCS Commissioner Miller and DMHDD Commissioner Betts. Task force is being formed and will be led by Mary Rolando.

- Approximately \$.5 million is available for training on evidence-based practices in substance abuse. An additional grant is in the process of being administered to the Centers of Excellence for children in state custody to develop evidence-based treatments focusing on children's maltreatment.
- Last meeting of the GOCCC Steering Panel focused on EPSDT related services.
- Chattanooga and Nashville have established core leadership groups for the Infant Mortality Reduction initiative. Legislation passed to establish the Fetal Infant Mortality Review Teams, which will be done in partnership with DOH.

D. Department of Education – Jan Bushing, Director, School Based Support Services

Bushing started by thanking TCCY Commission Members/staff for their determination to educate their legislators and citizens of Tennessee. Major step forward was made in increasing the funding to Tennessee schools including:

- ✓ 100 percent funding of at-risk students education;
- ✓ Increased funding for the English language learners;
- ✓ Adjustment in the Basic Education Program (BEP) formula;
- ✓ Seventy percent state funding level for teachers' salaries;
- ✓ \$2.5 million increase in Early Childhood Education funding; \$1.4 million will be used for adjustment to the new BEP plan; \$2.6 million to increase pilots from \$65,000 to their BEP level holding Davidson County harmless; leaving approximately \$21 million to expand pre-k programs.

In addition to the funding increases, the department is in the process of:

- ✓ Realigning the curriculum frameworks to meet the skills and knowledge attainment on which Needs Assessments are based;
- ✓ Working on the American Diploma Project with educators/business leaders across the state to clearly define skills needed across the entire workforce spectrum in Tennessee to meet education standards and the demands for college/work.

E. Department of Health – Theodora Pinnock, Director, Maternal and Child Health

DOH is submitting their annual Maternal and Child Health Block Grant today, which will be reviewed in August and funding will start October 1.

Home visiting program (HUGS) received a 20 percent expansion in services when legislation passed to terminate the Families First home visits effective July 1. DOH staff involved with Families First visits transferred to the HUGS program. HUGS services will be extended from 89 counties to 95 counties. This year, over 50,000 home visits will be made and 7,500 families will be served. DOH is involved with the Fetal Infant Mortality Review. All moms visited in the program are being encouraged to stop smoking.

DOH received a \$10 million appropriation to create tobacco cessation efforts. Most of the money will be used for nicotine replacement therapy and to enhance the quit line. Commissioner Cooper has challenged DOH staff to have a department wide training on helping people stop smoking. DOH environmental services are involved in the enforcement of the non-smoking legislation effective October 1.

Minority Health Summit will be August 22-24, 2007, Sheraton Downtown, Nashville.

Pregnancy Risk Assessment Monitoring Survey (PRAMS) started in May. Next year the department should have great data from almost 60 percent of Tennessee's pregnant moms regarding risk factors involved in their pregnancies.

F. Department of Human Services – Kerry Mullins, Director, Families First Policy

Mullins distributed handouts on Families First giving an overview and context of the program.

On July 1, 2007, the federal waiver under which Tennessee has operated Families First since 1986 expired. The Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program was reauthorized in the Deficit Reduction Act (DRA). These required significant program changes:

- Clients will be restricted to a 60 month lifetime limit.
- Tennessee will be held to a more exacting standard in measuring its Work Participation Rate.

Tennessee will face a \$9.5 million penalty if compliance with the Work Participation Rate (WPR) is not met. Lost federal funds will have to be replaced by state dollars doubling the penalty to \$19 million. If WPR requirements are not met, Tennessee could lose \$40 million in federal funds or \$80 in combined state and federal funds by 2015.

The Families First legislation allows the program to meet federal guidelines and provides changes that will help the program:

- Elimination of the 18 months interim time limit.
- Mandatory three months off the program eliminated. Now it is just five days if committed to compliance.
- Added diversion option.

Non-exempt clients will be referred to a performance based contractor. Five zones (Memphis, Davidson County, East, Middle and West Tennessee) were created with one contractor in each zone. There is diversity in the five contractors and the plan is to research the impact of the differences to determine outcomes.

Under 500 cases will exit the program as a result of the 60 months time limit and addition of six months extension.

G. Department of Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities – Louise Barnes, Children's Program Specialist

DMHDD continues to participate in the Task Forces from the SJR 799. The next Town Hall meeting will be in Nashville on July 19, 5:00-7:00 p.m., Pruitt Public Library. TCCY staff has done a tremendous job setting up these meetings.

Departmental updates:

- ✓ Contracted dollars to the Park Center to rehabilitate two houses for youth with Serious Emotional Disturbances (SED).
- ✓ Working with DCS to provide places to live for some of the children transitioning out of foster homes.
- ✓ The Bureau of Alcohol and Drug Abuse Services had an Access to Recovery grant, which is ending. Application has been submitted to SAMSHA requesting extension.
- ✓ Worked with DCS, GOCCC, AOC and Centerstone to submit a grant proposal to the Federal Administration for Children and Families to provide services for children in custody or at risk of custody because of parental substance abuse.
- ✓ Will be visited by the Centers for Disease Control in September about the Tennessee Lives Count grant looking at the model developed and possibly using the model nationwide.
- ✓ Partnered with the American Association of Suicidology to provide free advanced training for clinicians in October for 50 practitioners.

H. Office of Criminal Justice Programs (OCJP) – Pat Dishman, Director

Dishman distributed handouts on Tennessee Drug Courts, OCJP Grants for Family Violence Shelters for 2008, OCJP Grants for STOP Violence Against Women for 2008 and OCJP 2008 Grants for Byrne/JAG, Drug Courts, FVS, STOP and VOCA and provided an update on these programs. OCJP administers four major federal programs:

1. Edward Byrne Justice Assistance Grant – Seventy-seven new grants that began July 1 included at least 16 programs that provide youth programs;
2. STOP Violence Against Women Grant – Forty eight grants addressing violence against women issues;
3. Victims of Crime Administration (VOCA) Grant – One hundred and five grants with one out of three benefiting children;
4. Family Violence Shelter Services Grant from the U. S. Office of Health and Human Services – Combined with state appropriated Family Violence grant provides 32 domestic violence shelters.

OCJP administers three major state appropriated grants:

1. Drug Courts – Seven juvenile drug courts received grants;
2. Tennessee Response to the Meth Problem;
3. Family Violence – Combined with the federal Family Violence Shelter Services Grant to provide 32 domestic violence shelters.

OCJP received an unexpected increase in the Edward Byrne Justice Assistance Grant. Over the last two years, funding was cut 25 percent each year. Twenty-five percent was reinstated in the federal 2007 funding year.

I. Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) – Cheryl Hultman, Executive Director, Tennessee CASA Association

Hultman distributed handouts on “CASA Program Statistics” and gave a brief update of stages of development of CASA expansions. Ten new counties will receive \$15,000 each.

In Fiscal Year 2006, CASA served 3,597 children and in Fiscal Year 2007, 4,197 children were served – an increase of 16.7 percent. The trends in various programs can be attributed to a lot of different factors. Maury County started providing services in the Fall 2006 and are already serving 55 children. They have 26 volunteers. Recruiting, training and retaining volunteers are vital.

Twelve counties are in a variety of stages:

- Henderson County (expansion of Madison County) has found office space, hired an executive director, received sign-up grant from National CASA and hopefully will be eligible for the TCCY money, and received CASA start-up money from the marriage license fee. Recruitment and training will be started as soon as possible.
- Overton County received National CASA start-up funds of \$40,000 and will receive some money from the marriage license fee. They now have a VISTA volunteer and are in the process of hiring an executive director.
- Rhea, Meigs and McMinn Counties have hired an executive director and have recruited a training class.
- Monroe County is moving slowly but deliberately.
- CASA met with the judge in Stewart County.
- CASA met with a court official in Henry County.
- CASA met with people in Dyer County to discuss the possibility of having their program linked with Lake County because of its size.
- CASA met with the judge in Lauderdale County.
- CASA met with a court official in Hickman County.
- Montgomery County has a program not sanctioned by National CASA nor the state office and are in the process of being certified and exploring the possibility of starting a new program.
- CASA met with judge in Benton County.

Within the next three months, some counties will be ready to start training and move forward with providing services to children.

V. Department of Labor and Workforce Development Youth Programs – Sterling VanDerSpuy, Program Manager

VanDerSpuy distributed handouts on Aligning with Labor and Workforce Development and program information on DLWFD Youth Services. DLWFD built relationships with DCS, juvenile court programs and TCCY several years ago when they were looking at Chaffee foster care dollars. The Youth Services Program was authorized by the Workforce Investment Act (WIA) of 1998 to prepare economically disadvantaged youth with barriers (criminal record, offender, homeless, runaway, foster care, disability, drop

out) ages 14-21 for a successful transition to the workplace. The program is 100 percent federally funded. VanDerSpuy:

- Reviewed the division and its structure;
- Talked about Tennessee's 13 Local Workforce Investment Areas including 15 comprehensive career centers and 55 affiliated sites;
- Gave oversight at State and Local Level;
- Talked about workforce development partners working as a system;
- Provided information on the average case load across the state (7,000) giving an overview of the characteristics of youth last year pointing out 2,500 were out-of-school (at least 30 percent must be out of school); 70 were homeless/runaway/foster care; 585 were pregnant/parenting; 214 were offenders; 1,069 had disabilities; 1,673 were drop outs; and 96 percent of the youth were economically disadvantaged;
- Talked about standards of accomplishments measured by performance outcomes and reviewed goals for younger and older youth;
- Gave update on how the program is doing, current focus and new initiatives for Fiscal Year 2007-2008.

Break – 10:40 a.m.

Chair Durham called the meeting back to order at 10:55 a.m.

VI. Grant Review Committee Report – Jerry Maness, Chair

The Grant Review Committee met on Wednesday, July 11, 2007, to review grant applications. A combination of GRC members scores and TCCY staff scores was used to determine the overall cumulative score for each applicant. Final decisions concerning grantees are based on more than the cumulative score (i.e. equitable distribution of grant funds across the state, past accomplishments implementing programs, future funding strategies, etc.). The GRC reviewed files for continuation grantees to make sure they were successfully implementing their program recommendations for the previous/current year. The following information is a result of the GRC process and the Commission's approval/disapproval of the grant applications.

Maness thanked members of the GRC (Clark, Ford, Hughes, Lawless-Glassman and Yarbrow) for working hard to review and score the grant applications. Hughes did not attend the meeting but reviewed the applications and submitted her scores.

Committee reviewed one DMC application requesting \$99,184 and 53 Federal Formula applications requesting \$2,729,652. Committee is recommending that the Commission approve one DMC grant totaling \$100,000 and 13 continuation (\$425,048) and eight new (\$310,000) Federal Formula grants totaling \$835,048.

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DMC

**1. RECOMMENDATION: COMMITTEE RECOMMENDED THE COMMISSION APPROVE GRANT DMC 01-07 (MEMPHIS CITY**



**SCHOOLS) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$100,000 INSTEAD OF THE AMOUNT REQUESTED OF \$99,184. CARRIED. MANESS RECUSED.**

**FEDERAL FORMULA**

- 1. RECOMMENDATION: COMMITTEE RECOMMENDED THE COMMISSION NOT APPROVE GRANT FFG 01-07 (BEDFORD COUNTY SCHOOLS) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$71,000. UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.**
- 2. RECOMMENDATION: COMMITTEE RECOMMENDED THE COMMISSION APPROVE GRANT CFFG 02-07 (YOUTH EMERGENCY SHELTER) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$30,000. UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.**
- 3. RECOMMENDATION: COMMITTEE RECOMMENDED THE COMMISSION NOT APPROVE GRANT FFG 03-07 (MONTGOMERY COUNTY JUVENILE COURT) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$41,444. CARRIED. LEWIS RECUSED.**
- 4. RECOMMENDATION: COMMITTEE RECOMMENDED THE COMMISSION APPROVE GRANT CFFG 04-07 (MADISON COUNTY JUVENILE COURT SERVICES) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,128. CARRIED. LEWIS RECUSED.**
- 5. RECOMMENDATION: COMMITTEE RECOMMENDED THE COMMISSION NOT APPROVE GRANT FFG 05-07 (DISTRICT ATTORNEY GENERAL, 30TH) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$60,000. CARRIED. MANESS ABSTAINED.**
- 6. RECOMMENDATION: COMMITTEE RECOMMENDED THE COMMISSION NOT APPROVE GRANT FFG 06-07 (FRONTIER HEALTH) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$57,000. UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.**
- 7. RECOMMENDATION: COMMITTEE RECOMMENDED THE COMMISSION APPROVE GRANT CFFG 07-07 (FAMILY GUIDANCE TRAINING INSTITUTE) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$25,000. UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.**
- 8. RECOMMENDATION: COMMITTEE RECOMMENDED THE COMMISSION NOT APPROVE GRANT FFG 08-07 (JUNIOR'S HOUSE, INC.) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$43,240. UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.**
- 9. RECOMMENDATION: COMMITTEE RECOMMENDED THE COMMISSION NOT APPROVE GRANT FFG 09-07 (CLINCH-POWELL EDUCATION CO-OP) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$60,000. UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.**
- 10. RECOMMENDATION: COMMITTEE RECOMMENDED THE COMMISSION NOT APPROVE GRANT FFG 10-07 (BOYS TO MEN) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$48,354. UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.**

- 11. RECOMMENDATION: COMMITTEE RECOMMENDED THE COMMISSION NOT APPROVE GRANT FFG 11-07 (KINGSPORT CITY SCHOOLS) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$59,500. UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.**
- 12. RECOMMENDATION: COMMITTEE RECOMMENDED THE COMMISSION NOT APPROVE GRANT FFG 12-07 (L.I.F.E.S.) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$59,802. UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.**
- 13. RECOMMENDATION: COMMITTEE RECOMMENDED THE COMMISSION APPROVE GRANT CFFG 13-07 (LITTLE CHILDREN OF THE WORLD, INC. CAMP ETOWAH) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$51,176 INSTEAD OF THE AMOUNT REQUESTED OF \$60,000. UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.**
- 14. RECOMMENDATION: COMMITTEE RECOMMENDED THE COMMISSION NOT APPROVE GRANT FFG 14-07 (FAYETTE COUNTY SCHOOLS) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$59,900. UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.**
- 15. RECOMMENDATION: COMMITTEE RECOMMENDED THE COMMISSION NOT APPROVE GRANT FFG 15-07 (CANNON COUNTY CHILD PROTECTION COUNCIL) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$60,000. UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.**
- 16. RECOMMENDATION: COMMITTEE RECOMMENDED THE COMMISSION APPROVE GRANT FFG 16-07 (CHILDREN'S CENTER OF THE CUMBERLANDS) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$40,000 INSTEAD OF THE AMOUNT REQUESTED OF \$60,000. UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.**
- 17. RECOMMENDATION: COMMITTEE RECOMMENDED THE COMMISSION APPROVE GRANT FFG 17-07 (TENNESSEE VOICES FOR CHILDREN) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$45,000 INSTEAD OF THE AMOUNT REQUESTED OF \$80,000. CARRIED. MANESS RECUSED.**
- 18. RECOMMENDATION: COMMITTEE RECOMMENDED THE COMMISSION APPROVE GRANT CFFG 18-07 (BOYS AND GIRLS CLUBS OF GREATER MEMPHIS) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$22,500. CARRIED. MANESS RECUSED.**
- 19. RECOMMENDATION: COMMITTEE RECOMMENDED THE COMMISSION NOT APPROVE GRANT FFG 19-07 (KNOXVILLE AREA URBAN LEAGUE) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$55,289. UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.**
- 20. RECOMMENDATION: COMMITTEE RECOMMENDED THE COMMISSION NOT APPROVE GRANT FFG 20-07 (POLK COUNTY GOVERNMENT) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$50,600. CARRIED. LEWIS RECUSED.**
- 21. RECOMMENDATION: COMMITTEE RECOMMENDED THE COMMISSION APPROVE GRANT FFG 21-07 (WILLIAMSON COUNTY**

**YOUTH, INC.) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$40,000 INSTEAD OF THE AMOUNT REQUESTED OF \$60,000. UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.**

- 22. RECOMMENDATION: COMMITTEE RECOMMENDED THE COMMISSION APPROVE GRANT CFFG 22-07 (KINGSPORT HOUSING AND REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$25,454. UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.**
- 23. RECOMMENDATION: COMMITTEE RECOMMENDED THE COMMISSION APPROVE GRANT FFG 23-07 (MEMPHIS LEADERSHIP FOUNDATION) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$35,000 INSTEAD OF THE AMOUNT REQUESTED OF \$46,180. CARRIED. MANESS RECUSED.**
- 24. RECOMMENDATION: COMMITTEE RECOMMENDED THE COMMISSION NOT APPROVE GRANT FFG 24-07 (BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS OF GREATER MEMPHIS) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$60,000. UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.**
- 25. RECOMMENDATION: COMMITTEE RECOMMENDED THE COMMISSION NOT APPROVE GRANT FFG 25-07 (CLAIBORNE COUNTY EVEN START) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$53,377. UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.**
- 26. RECOMMENDATION: COMMITTEE RECOMMENDED THE COMMISSION APPROVE GRANT FFG 26-07 (KNOX COUNTY GOVERNMENT) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$30,000 INSTEAD OF THE AMOUNT REQUESTED OF \$36,335. UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.**
- 27. SEE NOTE AT END OF GRANTS LISTING ON GRANT FFG 27-07.**
- 28. RECOMMENDATION: COMMITTEE RECOMMENDED THE COMMISSION NOT APPROVE GRANT FFG 28-07 (NEW LIFE CHURCH INC.) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$60,016. UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.**
- 29. RECOMMENDATION: COMMITTEE RECOMMENDED THE COMMISSION APPROVE GRANT FFG 29-07 (THE EXCHANGE CLUB FAMILY CENTER OF THE MID-SOUTH, INC.) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$40,000 INSTEAD OF THE AMOUNT REQUESTED OF \$60,000. UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.**
- 30. RECOMMENDATION: COMMITTEE RECOMMENDED THE COMMISSION NOT APPROVE GRANT FFG 30-07 (MEMPHIS CITY SCHOOLS) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$59,951. UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.**
- 31. RECOMMENDATION: COMMITTEE RECOMMENDED THE COMMISSION NOT APPROVE GRANT FFG 31-07 (REACH ONE, TEACH ONE, INC.) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$60,000. CARRIED. LEWIS RECUSED.**
- 32. RECOMMENDATION: COMMITTEE RECOMMENDED THE COMMISSION NOT APPROVE GRANT FFG 32-07 (BOYS AND GIRLS CLUBS OF THE TENNESSEE VALLEY) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$56,045. CARRIED. STOKES RECUSED.**

33. **RECOMMENDATION: COMMITTEE RECOMMENDED THE COMMISSION NOT APPROVE GRANT FFG 33-07 (JOHNSON COUNTY SCHOOLS) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$45,350. UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.**
34. **RECOMMENDATION: COMMITTEE RECOMMENDED THE COMMISSION NOT APPROVE GRANT FFG 34-07 (PUTNAM COUNTY SCHOOLS) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$72,712. UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.**
35. **RECOMMENDATION: COMMITTEE RECOMMENDED THE COMMISSION NOT APPROVE GRANT FFG 35-07 (PYRAMID RECOVERY CENTER) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$60,000. UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.**
36. **RECOMMENDATION: COMMITTEE RECOMMENDED THE COMMISSION APPROVE GRANT CFFG 36-07 (ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE COURTS) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$60,000. CARRIED. LEWIS, MANESS, NEIGHBORS AND STOKES RECUSED.**
37. **RECOMMENDATION: COMMITTEE RECOMMENDED THE COMMISSION NOT APPROVE GRANT FFG 37-07 (LOUDON COUNTY SCHOOL SYSTEM) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$51,000. UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.**
38. **RECOMMENDATION: COMMITTEE RECOMMENDED THE COMMISSION APPROVE GRANT FFG 38-07 (UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE CHATTANOOGA) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$40,000 INSTEAD OF THE AMOUNT REQUESTED OF \$60,000. CARRIED. CLARK RECUSED.**
39. **RECOMMENDATION: COMMITTEE RECOMMENDED THE COMMISSION NOT APPROVE GRANT FFG 39-07 (BOYS AND GIRLS CLUBS OF NORTHWEST TENNESSEE) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$60,670. CARRIED. STOKES RECUSED.**
40. **RECOMMENDATION: COMMITTEE RECOMMENDED THE COMMISSION APPROVE GRANT FFG 40-07 (THE CARPETBAG THEATER, INC.) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$40,000 INSTEAD OF THE AMOUNT REQUESTED OF \$60,000. UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.**
41. **RECOMMENDATION: COMMITTEE RECOMMENDED THE COMMISSION APPROVE GRANT CFFG 41-07 (COALITION FOR KIDS, INC.) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$24,976. UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.**
42. **RECOMMENDATION: COMMITTEE RECOMMENDED THE COMMISSION NOT APPROVE GRANT FFG 42-07 (RIVERSIDE EDUCATION ADVANTAGE PROGRAM - REAP) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$38,919. UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.**
43. **RECOMMENDATION: COMMITTEE RECOMMENDED THE COMMISSION APPROVE GRANT CFFG 43-07 (MARTHA O'BRYAN CENTER) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$18,826. CARRIED. NEIGHBORS RECUSED.**

- 44. RECOMMENDATION: COMMITTEE RECOMMENDED THE COMMISSION APPROVE GRANT CFFG 44-07 (WEBB ALUMNI ASSOCIATION) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$30,000. UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.**
- 45. RECOMMENDATION: COMMITTEE RECOMMENDED THE COMMISSION NOT APPROVE GRANT FFG 45-07 (WAYNE COUNTY) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$65,830. CARRIED. LEWIS RECUSED.**
- 46. RECOMMENDATION: COMMITTEE RECOMMENDED THE COMMISSION NOT APPROVE GRANT FFG 46-07 (YOUTH LIFE FOUNDATION/YOUTH LIFE LEARNING CENTER) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$61,250. UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.**
- 47. RECOMMENDATION: COMMITTEE RECOMMENDED THE COMMISSION APPROVE GRANT CFFG 47-07 (TENNESSEE LEGAL COMMUNITY FOUNDATION) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$60,000. CARRIED. DURHAM AND LEWIS RECUSED.**
- 48. RECOMMENDATION: COMMITTEE RECOMMENDED THE COMMISSION APPROVE GRANT CFFG 48-07 (OASIS CENTER, INC.) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$29,000. CARRIED. DURHAM AND LEWIS RECUSED.**
- 49. RECOMMENDATION: COMMITTEE RECOMMENDED THE COMMISSION NOT APPROVE GRANT FFG 49-07 (NASHVILLE INTER CITY MINISTRY) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$40,000. UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.**
- 50. RECOMMENDATION: COMMITTEE RECOMMENDED THE COMMISSION APPROVE GRANT CFFG 50-07 (NEW VISION, INC.) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$44,988. CARRIED. LEWIS RECUSED.**
- 51. RECOMMENDATION: COMMITTEE RECOMMENDED THE COMMISSION NOT APPROVE GRANT FFG 51-07 (EEOG, INC.) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$70,000. UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.**
- 52. RECOMMENDATION: COMMITTEE RECOMMENDED THE COMMISSION NOT APPROVE GRANT FFG 52-07 (EEOG, INC.) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$70,000. UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.**
- 53. RECOMMENDATION: COMMITTEE RECOMMENDED THE COMMISSION NOT APPROVE GRANT FFG 53-07 (COALITION ADDRESSING JUVENILE ISSUES - CAJI) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$80,000. CARRIED. LEWIS AND MANESS RECUSED.**

Note: Grant FFG 27-07 was inadvertently omitted from list. GRC reviewed this application and voted to recommend that the Commission not approve Grant FFG 27-07 (Professional Care Services) in the amount of \$42,016. By subsequent e-mail review by Commission Members, the GRC recommendation to disapprove was ratified.

Durham thanked the GRC mentioning the fact that the composite scores on several of the grant applications were identical and others were within 2-3 points.

VII. Executive Committee Report – Cindy Durham, Chair

Committee had a short meeting, heard Committee reports and has no action item.

O’Neal gave an update on TCCY’s Sunset hearing, which will be addressed in the Director’s and Chair’s reports.

VIII. Budget and Data Committee Report – Jim Ford, Chair

Committee met and has three action items.

Updates:

- ✓ Committee reviewed media coverage. TCCY had 159 different articles including two interviews with Dwight Lewis with *The Tennessean*.
- ✓ Current edition of *The Advocate* is posted on TCCY’s website.
- ✓ TCCY’s web site had approximately 2 million hits during Fiscal Year 2006-2007.
- ✓ The National KIDS COUNT Data Book will be released July 25, 2007.
- ✓ Maureen Abbey reported on TCCY’s budget. The FY 2007 TCCY Summary of Expenditures indicated approximately 63 percent of TCCY’s budget being expended, which is attributed to the grant program being reduced.
- ✓ Committee heard report on Shared Services. The transition to Shared Services is moving smoothly.

TCCY Budget Recommendations for the Governor’s Budget Fiscal Year 2008-2009 and letter were reviewed:

- 1. RECOMMENDATION: COMMITTEE RECOMMENDED THE COMMISSION APPROVE THE DRAFT LETTER TO THE GOVERNOR AND THE TCCY BUDGET RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE GOVERNOR’S BUDGET FISCAL YEAR 2008-2009 WITH A CLAUSE ADDED AT THE END OF PAGE FOUR REGARDING EPSDT.**

**UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.**

The Final Approved letter and recommendations are included as an attachment to these minutes.

- 2. RECOMMENDATION: COMMITTEE RECOMMENDED THE COMMISSION APPROVE THE TCCY BUDGET IMPROVEMENT REQUEST FISCAL YEAR 2008-2009 REQUESTING AN ADDITIONAL \$75,000 CASA FUNDING FOR FIVE ADDITIONAL COUNTIES. CARRIED. DURHAM RECUSED.**

The Tennessee General Assembly appropriated \$150,000 to provide \$15,000 each to up to 10 additional counties that establish Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) programs. Committee reviewed the requirements for CASA funding in new counties, counties that currently or are likely to soon meet the requirements for new funding in

FY 2007-2008 and other counties with at least some expressed interest in CASA programs.

**3. RECOMMENDATION: COMMITTEE RECOMMENDED THE COMMISSION APPROVE THE NEW CASA FUNDING REQUIREMENTS AS FOLLOWS:**

- **INCORPORATION AS A PRIVATE, NOT FOR PROFIT AGENCY;**
- **RECEIPT OF OR APPLICATION PENDING FOR INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE DESIGNATION AS A 501(C)(3) ORGANIZATION;**
- **SELECTION OF AN EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR;**
- **SUBMISSION OF A BUDGET FOR USE OF \$15,000 IN STATE FUNDING; AND**
- **COMPLIANCE WITH NATIONAL CASA STANDARDS.**

**CARRIED. DURHAM RECUSED.**

Ford acknowledged Maness for his service on the Commission and expressed his appreciation for all the knowledge he imparted to him.

**IX. Juvenile Crime Enforcement Committee Report – Jim Ford, Chair**

JCEC met at Fall Creek Falls on June 20 and approved three JCEC grants:

• Frontier Health	-	\$156,000
• Madison County	-	\$208,000
• Upper Cumberland CSA	-	<u>\$ 86,000</u>
<b>TOTAL.....</b>		<b>\$450,000</b>

Grantees cover the three grand regions of the state and provide services to 18 rural counties.

**X. Children's Services Committee Report – Tim Goldsmith, Chair**

Committee met and has no action item.

The Ombudsman update was well done. It is nice to hear there has been some agreement with the DCS Office of Ombudsman. The quality of work TCCY Ombudsmen do and the fact that TCCY is an independent group looking at issues has been recognized. The DCS Ombudsman Office is now called the Office of Legislative and Constituent Services.

Petty provided an overview of legislation specifically impacting DCS. The Evidence Based Practices legislation will probably have the most impact.

Wade gave update on CPORT and the CPORT/DCS collaboration. CPORT continues to be involved with DCS in developing their Quality Service Review practices. They are listening to our expertise on how to conduct the reviews and most importantly get the feedback that workers will hear and understand.

XI. Councils Committee Report – Joetta Yarbrow, Chair

Committee met and has one action item.

Regional coordinators not reporting to the full Commission gave reports. Regional councils are in the process of holding Town Hall meetings. Yarbrow expressed appreciation to the regional coordinators for arranging these meetings.

Register is open for the Upper Cumberland Regional Coordinator position. Daniels is in the process of ending her responsibilities in Upper Cumberland and moving into Southeast.

Committee discussed the Campaign to Rescue and Restore Victims of Human Trafficking, which will allow TCCY to receive and disseminate information to their staff and to work with other agencies in supporting this campaign.

**1. RECOMMENDATION: COMMITTEE RECOMMENDED THE COMMISSION JOIN AND SUPPORT THE CAMPAIGN TO RESCUE AND RESTORE VICTIMS OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING. UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED.**

XII. Juvenile Justice/Minority Issues Committee Report – Beverly Cosley, Chair

Committee met and has no action item.

Cosley thanked O'Neal for the phenomenal job she did representing TCCY at the Sunset Hearing. She also thanked Stafford for the good job she did when she was called on to present information.

Deinstitutionalization of Status Offenders (DSO) violations continue to spiral downward. Violations for July 1, 2006 – June 30, 2007 were 97. McKenzie/other staff are doing a great job. Copy of the letter O'Neal wrote to the Governor regarding reduction in DSO violations was distributed via e-mail.

Disproportionate Minority Contact (DMC) topic was discussed. King/other staff efforts to make DMC a vital issue across the state are appreciated. Challenges are before us and we stand ready to meet them. We are proud of the work King has already done. King did a good job facilitating the DMC Coordinators' meeting at the Coalition for Juvenile Justice Conference.

Stafford gave an update on federal funding. The House and Senate increased juvenile justice funding recommendations.

One DMC Pilot Project (Stationhouse Adjustment Program, Memphis City Schools) received an award. The project will be tracked and the Commission will receive a report.

Tennessee's Juvenile Courts will receive \$120,000 from the residual state and federal funds to purchase software, computers and printers. We are in the process of purchasing computer equipment and software for the juvenile courts that responded to the letter sent to all juvenile courts.



O'Neal gave an brief overview of the Casey Foundation's FrameWorks training, "Framing Children and Race in America: What do we need to know about framing in order to build effective advocacy efforts for children that cross the boundaries of race and class?" Cosley encouraged Commission members to get involved in this training if it comes to their area.

Cosley welcomed Daniels to the Southeast Council saying they are looking forward to working with her.

### XIII. Legislative Update – Steve Petty

Copies of the July 10, 2007 Legislative Update were distributed via e-mail. Legislative Summary with links is posted on TCCY's web site. TCCY took positions on 73 bills. Of these, TCCY supported 49 and 30 passed. Of the bills TCCY opposed, only two passed after being amended to address issues identified by TCCY in their position. These two bills concerned notification to schools when students adjudicated delinquent were placed in that school and students who were ordered for psychiatric evaluation by juvenile court or who had agreed to participate in a mental health inpatient evaluation.

"Selected Appropriations Directed at Children and Youth for FY 2008" list was distributed via e-mail. It was a very successful year for children and youth in Tennessee. The appropriations include:

- \$150,000 for funding 10 new CASA programs in previously unserved counties;
- \$295 M increased funding of Basic Education Program (BEP) formula for K-12 Education;
- \$100,000 to Big Brothers, Big Sisters to be used for the Amachi Initiative, a mentoring children of prisoners program;
- \$250,000 to DOH for the sole purpose of making grants to statewide youth suicide prevention programs;
- \$4,175,000 (non-recurring) for a grant to Connected Nation for broadband access in Tennessee;
- \$20,000,000 to the Secretary of State for the community enhancement grant program;
- From the Lottery for Education Account, a sum sufficient appropriated to the Comptroller of the Treasury for a longitudinal pre-kindergarten study;
- Funds for legislative study committees on asthma, methods of restraint employed on students who receive special education services and hearings on health care crisis in public schools;

One of the things TCCY will focus on next year is the need for an increase in the Child Care Reimbursement Rate.

### XIV. Regional Coordinator Reports

#### A. East Tennessee – Robert Smith, Regional Coordinator

Council held three trainings:

- ✓ April – Juvenile Justice Training;
- ✓ May – Early/Adolescent Brain Development and the Effects of Child Abuse;

- ✓ June – SJR 799 Town Hall Meeting with approximately 50 people attending.

Smith recommended Dr. John Ebert, Vanderbilt University, Center of Excellence, as a presenter for brain development and children's mental health issues.

Smith is working on monitoring and end of the year reports. He also distributed a survey asking council members for input and volunteers to assist in a leadership capacity in conducting trainings. Ten people responded they would be willing to help.

B. South Central – Elaine Williams, Regional Coordinator

Activities:

- ✓ Council has been busy presenting court workshops to conducting all day trainings focused on "Bullying" and "Parenting;"
- ✓ Because of the increase in the Hispanic population in the region, the Council is planning "Ethics" training;
- ✓ They are working with their Child Fatality Task Force on "Driver Safety" and "Teen Decision Making;"
- ✓ Continue to work on their "Career Pathways" Project;
- ✓ Planning Town Hall Meeting on August 9;
- ✓ Planning a Provider Expo in November at Mall with 60 agencies participating to provide information on services provided to children.

C. Memphis/Shelby County – Gwendolyn Wright, Regional Coordinator

Council's Executive Committee met and elected new officers.

On May 30, the Council had a meeting providing Departmental/Legislative Updates. Departmental representatives gave updates on the federal waiver ending that funded Families First, QSR and the All Children Healthy Act. Attendance was not as good as normal but Wright has received three contacts requesting contact information on presenters.

Council recruited 24 new members during their membership drive this summer.

Executive Committee will meet in August to plan next year's activities.

Council's Town Hall Meeting was held July 9 with 70 participants including presenters/consumers representing early childhood, school age, adolescents, youth and juvenile justice, and child welfare. Three legislators (Representatives John DeBerry and Lois DeBerry from Memphis and Sherry Jones from Nashville) attended. There was a good turnout and good exchange of information.

Wright plans to finish monitoring next week.

Wright commented that Maness has been a Commission Member since she started with the Commission and it is sad to see him go. He has been such an asset to the Commission and representing Shelby County well.

XV. Director's Report – Linda O'Neal

O'Neal expressed appreciation to:

- Maness for his service to the Commission – TCCY will miss him;
- Grant Review Committee for the work they do;
- Commission members who attended Town Hall Meetings. Maness and Goldsmith attended the Memphis meeting. Trudy Hughes had a major part in the East Tennessee meeting.

Updates:

- ✓ TCCY staff was extensively involved in American Cancer Society's Relay for Life. Kennedy and McKenzie participated in the womanless beauty pageant.
- ✓ All staff is involved in so many different things and work hard in the interest of children.
- ✓ Coordinators work on Town Hall meetings and are involved in the compliance monitoring along with the juvenile justice staff.
- ✓ Juvenile justice staff has been busy with all the different grant activities.
- ✓ DMC Task Force will continue to address issues discussed in the Sunset Hearing.
- ✓ CPORT staff has been troopers. The collaboration with DCS has not been easy and they continue to hang in and have been involved with the Youth Development Center studies this summer.
- ✓ It was exciting to hear Senator Watson talk about going on TCCY's web site and reading about our Ombudsman program and being impressed with it.
- ✓ Delk has gotten out several newsletters recently. Brown and Eff have done a lot of work in chasing down issues related to KIDS COUNT publication, *Blueprint for the Success of Tennessee Children*. The National KIDS COUNT publication will be released July 25.
- ✓ Petty continues to do a wonderful job with legislative reports and contacting legislators.

O'Neal talked about the "Zero Tolerance" bills. TCCY was successful in getting both bills amended so there was no expansion to zero tolerance.

O'Neal introduced Narendra Amin, new CPORT Statistical Analyst. We are pleased to have another statistical analyst and look forward to having some new CPORT data.

TCCY administrative staff stay very busy.

TCCY is moving forward with Shared Services, which is a positive thing.

Latimer ordered the software and printers and will be involved with the computers for the juvenile courts.

O'Neal thanked all staff who helped with lunch yesterday. TCCY has a wonderful team. Staff really pull together and live by the motto that no task is too menial and what needs to be done will be done.

O'Neal expressed appreciation to all Commission members who were able to attend TCCY's Sunset Hearing. TCCY will work diligently on issues around the grants and

providing data regarding use of funds. She is pleased with the three year extension. A lot of additional information will be provided to the Committee before they take action. TCCY will move forward and be stronger around some of issues of concern.

XVI. Chair's Report – Cindy Durham, Chair

TCCY's Sunset Hearing was before the Sub-Committee. They recommended the Commission be extended to June 1011. Commission members may receive calls for assistance/comments on issues addressed. Commission members will be provided a list of Committee members to contact to let them know how important the Commission is and how much you value its continuation. The Sub-Committee was very complimentary of TCCY's Ombudsman program. The number of Commission members attending was impressive. Improvements have already been made in the grant review process.

Staff is still collecting donations for the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life. If Commission members would like to make a donation, they can give to O'Neal today or send it to the TCCY Central Office.

The Coalition for Juvenile Justice (CJJ) Conference was wonderful. The Board of Directors voted to amend the bylaws. They will be expanding membership and changing direction, which is a positive step. There were more participants at the June meeting than there have ever been at a CJJ conference. Commission Member Stokes is serving as the Commission liaison for the CJJ Government Relations Committee. One of the Sub-Committees of Congress had a hearing yesterday. The CJJ Executive Director called Durham asking for someone from Tennessee to testify. Unfortunately, it was our State Advisory Committee (SAG) meeting and no one could go. This shows the great work we are doing and how respected O'Neal and TCCY are with CJJ.

Durham must submit the Federal Advisory Committee on Juvenile Justice (FACJJ) annual report information by July 20. Any additions must be given to her today.

If Commission members are interested in changing Committees they serve on, they should let Durham know. Any changes will take place at the Fall retreat.

Nominating Committee will be formed so the Vice Chair, Secretary and Youth Representative can be elected at the Fall retreat. If you would be willing to serve on the Nominating Committee, please let Durham know.

The Governor is in the process of making appointments/reappointments. Commission members who receive a reappointment call should let Durham and O'Neal know. Commission members whose terms expired June 30, 2007 are Bynum, Clark, Ford, Herndon, Hutchins, Lewis, Pilson and Yarbrow. In the event some mentioned are not reappointed, Durham thanked them for their service for the last three years saying she had enjoyed working with them.

Children's Advocacy Days is March 11-12, 2008. Please plan to attend.

This is Maness' last meeting. He has been/is wonderful! He continues to serve until someone is appointed to replace him. All members continue to serve until they are replaced if not reappointed. Maness has been very involved with/representing the Commission well.

Maness responded that it has been his pleasure to serve the last nine years. He thanked all present and past members he served with. TCCY staff is one of the greatest group of people he has ever worked with. They go way beyond and above the call of duty. They do a good job and are concerned about TCCY's mission.

XVII. Other Business

None.

Meeting adjourned at 12:21 a.m.

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Cindy Durham, Chair